



## **Wild animals do not belong in a circus**

The use of wild mammals, especially elephants, big cats (lions and tigers) in travelling circuses reflects a traditional, but outdated, view of wild animals. The needs of non-domesticated, wild mammals cannot be met within a travelling circus; especially in terms of housing and being able to express normal behaviours. In addition, this practice has little or no educational, conservational, research or economic benefit that might justify their use.



**FVE recommends: all European and national competent authorities to prohibit the use of wild mammals in travelling circuses across Europe since there is by no means the possibility that their physiological, mental and social requirements can adequately be met.**

Suitable sunset provisions, re-housing opportunities and in some cases as last resort euthanasia need to be worked out with the circus owners.